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From on Board the Barfleur at Reggio, August 16. O. S.

ON the 8th Inſtant Sir George Byng went to Syracuſa, the Place appointed for the Rendezvous, where he was joined by the reſt of the Fleet. He there repaired the little Damage ſome of our Ships had ſuffered, and put thoſe which were taken from the Spaniards in a Condition to proceed to Port Mahon. The Admiral having Intelligence that ſome Ships were ſeen to the Southward of the Iſland of Sicily, he made a Detachment from his Fleet to look after them; they are to range round the Iſland by Palermo, and to rejoin the Fleet off Meſſina or Reggio. The 12th we ſailed from Syracuſa, having left Vice Admiral Cornwall there, with 10 Ships to convoy the Ships taken. Yeſterday we came off of this Place. The Spaniards have ſtill Batteries of Cannon and Mortars playing againſt the Citadel of Meſſina; but as 1000 Men of the Emperour's Troops are lately put into that Place, it is believed that they, with the Piemonteſe who are in the Garriſon, will be able to maintain it till they can be further relieved. There are 3000 Imperialiſts lying about this Place, and the Viceroy of Naples ſends 4000 more, which are expected in a Day or Two; and then Meaſures will be taken for Diſlodging the Spaniards from Meſſina, for which Purpoſe Sir George Byng has been conferring with General Wetzel, who is now in this Town. Since our laſt, we have been able to make a more exact Liſt of the Spaniſh Ships taken, burnt, and eſcaped; which is as follows.

Ships.	Guns.	Men.	Commanders.	
St. Philip the Royal	74	650	Vice-Admiral Caſtagneta,	Taken.
Prince of Aſturias	70	550	Rear-Admiral Chacon,	
Royal	60	400	Rear-Admiral Marq. de Mari,	
St. Charles	60	400	Prince Chalay,	
St. Iſabella	60	400	Don Andres Rezio,	
Santa Roſa	60	400	Don Antonio Gonzales,	
St. Iſidro	46	300	Don Manuel Vilevicentia,	
Volante	44	300	Don Antonio Eſcudera,	
Surprize	44	250	Don Manuel Saday, Knight of Malta,	
Juno	36	250	Don Pedro Moyana,	
Tyger	26	240	Monſieur Cavaigne,	
Eagle	24	240	Don Lucas Maſnata,	
Bomb-Veſſel			One,	
Ship laden with Arms			One,	
Ships laden with Proviſions			Three,	
Pearl	50	300	Don Gabriel Alderete,	Burnt.
Hermione	44	300	Don Rodrigo de Tores,	
Eſperance	46	300	Don Juan Delfino & Balandina,	
Fire-Ships			Two,	
Bomb-Veſſels			Two,	
Sattee			One,	
St. Lewis	60	400	Rear-Admiral Guevara,	Eſcaped.
St. Ferdinand	60	400	Rear-Admiral Cammock,	
St. John Baptiſt	60	400	Don Franciſco Guerrera,	
St. Peter	60	400	Don Antonio Ariſaga,	
Porcupine	44	250	a French-man,	
La Gallera	30	200	Don Franciſco Alvereza,	
Caſtilla	30	200	Don Franciſco Leanio, Kt. of Malta,	
Comat de Toulouſe	30	200	Don Joſeph Goccocea,	
St Franciſco Arreres	22	100	Wacup, a Scotchman,	
Little St. Ferdinand	20	150		
Little St. John	20	150	Don Ignatius Valevale,	
Arrow	18	100	Don Juan Papaiena,	
Bomb-Veſſel			One,	
Gallies			Seven, M. Grimao, Commander in Chief.	

Note, One of the Ships of about 30 or 40 Guns amongſt the Eſcaped, is ſince taken; but we do not yet know her Name.

Madrid,